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Filed: December 8, 2000

For: Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other Molecules

Associated with Plants Inventors: Karen L. Fincher Atty. Docket: 38-21(51770)B

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) are the following documents:

- Response to Notice to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications 1. Containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures;
- Copy of the Notice to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications 2. Containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures;
- 3. Preliminary Amendment;
- A substitute Sequence Listing on CD-ROM (three CD-ROMs: Copy 1, Copy 2, 4. and CRF):
- Statement Regarding Sequence Submission; and 5.
- 6. Return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 50-1824 under reference number 38-21(51770). A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

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Sir:

In response to the Notice to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures mailed May 11, 2001, Applicants submit the following documents for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

- Copy of Notice to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications Containing 1. Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures;
- 2. Substitute sequence listing (Copy 1 and Copy 2) and computer readable form (CRF) for the above referenced application, all on CD-ROM;
- 3. A statement regarding sequence submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(f) and 1.821(g); and
- 4. A preliminary amendment to enter the sequence listing into the specification.

The Notice To Comply With Requirements For Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures, stated that the present application failed to comply with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.822 and/or § 1.823.

Applicants are submitting a substitute computer readable Form (CRF) of the sequence listing a substitute copy of the sequence listing on two CD-RS (copy 1 and copy 2) and a statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(f) § 1.821(g) in response to the Notice.

It is not believed that any fees are required at this time. However, if extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned for under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-1824 under our reference number 38-21(51770)B.

Respectfully submitted,

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Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE** within which to file the items indicated below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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